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New Telephone System.

About the first of the year, the Santa Fe Railway system will install an entirely new dispatching system along the Pecos valley lines. It will be the telephone dispatching system and will give the company system, so that at no time will the service be out of commission.

For the last month Linemen Weaver has been busy with his corps of men placing the arms on the poles from Carlsbad to Clovis, and just finished stringing the metallic copper wires between the two points. They will begin this week the installation of the telephone instruments in all of the offices. Then the telephone line will be connected over the line from Carlsbad to Clovis, and just finished stringing the metallic copper wires between the two points. They will begin this week the installation of the telephone instruments in all of the offices. Then the telephone line will be connected over the line from Carlsbad, to Roswell, to Clovis, and thence to Belen, which will connect up the system with the trunk lines.

The purpose of the installation of the telephone system is two-fold.

It has been tried out and found that the telephone system saves much time in the dispatching of train orders and the like. Not only does it save time, but it is more accurate, and it does not take an expert to take off the orders.

However, the telegraph wires will be maintained and kept in shape, so that any time anything should go wrong with the telephone wires, they would be ready for service.

Then, the telegraph wires will be used for general orders, freight matters and such things.

The installation of this system spells progress along the Pecos valley lines. That the company officials are building this system along with their other lines.

Trey O' Harts

The Lyceum has arranged to show the new photo play, Trey O' Harts, which is sweeping the country like wild fire, as did the Million Dollar Mystery, and the first installment will be shown on New Years night. The Clovis News has made arrangements to get the story in serial form and will begin with the issue of January 1. Tell your friends and neighbors to subscribe now for the NEWS in order to get this splendid story and then see the pictures at the Lyceum.

It cost more than \$100,000.00 to put this play in picture film and at one place in this wonderful film it cost \$50,000.00 to produce 30 feet of moving pictures.

It will soon be the talk of the town, so get started right with the first issue.

It is now given out that through Galveston-Pacific traffic will not be installed until Jan. 31 instead of Jan. 1 as announced in last weeks issue of the NEWS. Just another months delay.

Land Office Tied Up

Things is at a standstill in the local land office on account of not having a receiver. There are about 300 state selections to be made, over a hundred homestead filing applications and sixty final proof applications awaiting action. In the meantime a moratorium exists in regard to the wages of the employees of the office.—Ft Sumner Review.

According to a letter from Department officials received by one of our leading business men who is interested in the appointment of a new REGISTER of the Fort Sumner office, a RECEIVER will be appointed within a few days, but no mention is made of appointing a register to take the place of the present incumbent, who, we learn, some time ago tendered his resignation. In the mean time practically all the business of the office has been suspended.

Gen. Supt. Sears, of Amarillo, went west in his private car No. 8 Monday. He was accompanied by division Supt. Evans in his car No. 409.

640 Acre Bill

It is very likely that Fergusson's defeat for congress at the recent election also meant the defeat of his 640 acre homestead bill, as he will now lack influence and time to secure its passage before the expiration of his term of office. Some argue that Fergusson merely introduced the measure for its political effect and never intended to urge its passage, but the NEWS believes this an erroneous impression and that the bill was introduced in good faith because Fergusson thought it for the best interests of the people of New Mexico and that it would be an inducement for actual settlers to locate here. The majority of people of Curry County believe that such a bill would be beneficial and that a law granting 640 acre homesteads to New Mexico settlers should have been enacted many years ago.

Josh Church, a Roswell capitalist, was placed aboard a South bound train on a stretcher Monday. His condition was quite serious.

O'Connell Case Remanded

In a supreme Court decision recently rendered in which W. D. McBee was appellant and Pat O'Connell appellee, the court held that McBee's assignment from Ray was not entitled to be recorded and was no notice to O'Connell at the time he purchased the property. The court also held that the only point left for consideration was whether or not O'Connell made the proper investigation of the tenant in possession as to whom he had to pay rent or in other words if he made due and diligent inquiry as to the ownership of the property at the time of purchase. The case will again come before a Curry County jury to decide these points.

The last three issues of the CLOVIS NEWS have been bristling with snappy Christmas advertisements. Clovis merchants, are a wide awake lot as their advertisements indicate. A newspaper is the best index to a ilve, prosperous town.

Mixed Kaffir-Broom Corn

C. E. Dennis, president of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce, received a letter from a friend in Oklahoma this week giving some good and timely advice in regard to the selection of kaffir corn seed, which it would be well for Curry County farmers to heed. The letter is in part as follows:

If you can raise wheat in your country, you are all right, but I am afraid it will be too dry in the spring. It seems to me that that country should raise Sudan grass, Kaffir Corn and other feed that would make ensilage.

I want you to learn the difference between Kaffir Corn, which is mixed with broom corn and the pure strain, and every time you see a farmer or farm loan man, give him a course of free lectures. The agricultural expert of the Rock Island says that pure Kaffir Corn in Oklahoma makes 90 bushels of corn per acre, and will mature in 100 days; when it is mixed with broom corn, it seldom makes over 15 bushels, and it requires 140 days to mature. It is hard to distinguish the grains of pure strain from the mixed, but the heads are easily distinguished. The stalk on the pure strain runs almost out to the end of the head, and the straw in the head is shorter with see all along on the straw from the stalk, while the mixed breed has the appearance of broom corn and the straw is much longer and the see more nearly on the end of the straw.

Many Cattle

It is estimated that over 25,000 head of cattle will be wintered in Curry County this season. There has been enough forage stuff raised here this year to feed several times that number. Many farmers state that they raised enough feed this year to meet their requirements for the next three years even if they should not raise more.

Few Houses

A local real estate dealer, who is in a position to know, remarked to a NEWS reporter the other day that there were less vacant residence houses in Clovis now than for three years past.

The railroad is working a full force and is making extensive preparations to handle the California exposition traffic, which it is expected will be heavy over this route.

Depositors Being Paid.

The final payment of the creditors of the failed American Bank and Trust Company is being arranged this week by the receiver, C. E. Dennis. District Judge, G. A. Richardson, of Roswell, passed through the city last Friday and signed the order for final settlement from the proceeds of the sale of bank property and securities held on December 12th. The pro rata payment will be small.

O. L. Owen, state corporation commissioner, is in the city for several days and may decide to remain until after the holidays.



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Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New
Year

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